

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
JULY 1, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m., the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following members of the Board: Alderman David Bolen, Alderman Harold Eaton, Alderman Jason Michael, Alderman Mark McCoy, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Also, present were Daniel K. Tucker, City Attorney, Lavaile Shields, City Clerk, and several City employees and visitors. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Blythe and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Alderman Jeff Williams.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Harold Eaton.

There first came on for consideration, the request to approve the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda were as follows:

- (1) To approve the minutes of the June 5, 2014, and June 17, 2014 board meetings;
- (2) To approve monthly accounts;
- (3) To vote to accept cash or money order only for delinquent 2011 taxes after August;
- (4) To approve paying Hal Hughes for appraisal of 211 Brewer Street;
- (5) To approve paying Gates Appraisal Service for appraisal of 211 Brewer Street;
- (6) To accept Kayla Thrasher's letter of resignation, effective July 3, 2014;
- (7) To approve the bond payment of \$493,031.25 (6ml bond);
- (8) To approve Animal Shelter volunteers. Those volunteers are Jennifer Cloney, James Tucker, Tabitha Rigby-Tucker, Belinda Huddleston, Trent Huddleston, Russell Lamb, Kathy Lamb, Brian Munns, Molly Wren, Carol Chaffin, Cathy Higgins, Sally Gargus, and Deborah Scott.

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to table the issue of on leasing a CNG

compressor in the approximate amount of \$690.00 per month. Alderman McCoy made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to vote on purchasing two (2) F350 trucks for the Gas & Water Department. Watson Quality Ford in Jackson, Mississippi had submitted the lowest quote of \$35,100.00 per truck, which is State contract price. Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve purchasing the vehicles from Watson Quality Ford, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request from the Gas & Waste Department to post for a part-time clerk. Alderman Bolen made said motion to post, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Fire Chief Jerry Wallace to approve the aerial test on ladder truck and all ground ladders with the approximate costs to be \$1,200.00, and for said issue to be placed on the consent agenda from this point forward. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$43,500.00. The City would advance the cost of the grant, which would be reimbursed to the City. Alderman Williams made said motion to accept the grant, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Police Chief Michael Ramey to hire Phillip Owens, as a part-time officer at \$8.00 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to appoint City Clerk, Mayor Pro Tem, City Judge, and Public Defender. Alderman McCoy made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion

unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request for the Booneville Softball Team to sell advertisement ads for the fence at the Wayne Michael Softball Field. Alderman Michael made a motion to approve this matter, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to allow the attorneys for the bond issues to prepare the continuing disclosure responsibilities on all bond issues, and to pay the expenses associated therewith. This was a mandatory disclosure statement that had to be filed. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request quotes for the wireless phone services for the City's cell phones. Alderman made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried. Alderman Michael recused himself from this vote.

There next came on the Board Report. Alderman Williams thanked everyone for the consideration everyone showed him and his family after the death of his sister.

Alderman Eaton brought up the ditch on Pecan Grove. Mayor Blythe advised that this was on the next work session list.

There next came on the Mayor's Report.

First, the Mayor requested approval for the Police Department to for a lost title, for the 2004 Chevy truck, that had been forfeited to the Police Department. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Blythe requested that the Board approve the donation of gas to the City schools and to the National Guard at no cost, retroactive to 2013 and 2014. The approximate amount was \$3,000.00 to the National Guard and \$36,000.00 for the school systems per year. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to allow the Booneville Softball Team to host a tournament, in efforts to raise money. Alderman McCoy made said motion,

seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire someone to prune the crepe myrtles, in the street areas that would obstruct the right of way. That we would pay \$10.00 per tree to have this done. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Blythe recognized and acknowledged Jana Lindsey graduating the MS Municipal Clerk's Certification Course.

Next, Mayor Blythe reported that it was his and Jason Michael's first year anniversary. He thanked everybody for their hard work and working together. He looked forward to another thirty-six (36) months.

There next came on for consideration, the request to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman McCoy made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Williams made a motion to back into open session, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that a personnel matter within the police department had been discussed, with no action taken.

There being no further business, Alderman Bolen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.



DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK